

# MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

## **LBDP - MARINE PATROL**

### **Report of Suspicious Activity Leads to Recovery of Stolen Property**

A boat owner from Gangway-11 recently noticed suspicious activity at the restrooms near her boat, and contacted Officers from the LBDP-Marine Patrol Unit. LBDP-Marine Patrol Sergeant Sullivan and Officer Engstrom proceeded to the location in question.

Upon their arrival they observed a man exit the women's restroom and walk to a nearby vehicle. That individual was immediately detained and an investigation was initiated. Inside the women's restroom they discovered drug paraphernalia and a female who was not a boat owner. She was also a wanted fugitive, wanted on nine felony counts of identity theft and forgery. Numerous stolen checkbooks and credit cards were found inside the vehicle that was in their possession. The man was in possession of several hypodermic needles and three balloons of heroin. The car the couple had driven to the marina had been stolen from a boat owner's house in Seal Beach. The pair had used the restroom key found in the stolen car, and officer apprehended them before they could burglarize the owners boat. Thanks to a

conscientious citizen's intervention, two career-criminals are off the street and a boat owner's stolen vehicle and property were recovered. By being the eyes and ears of the Long Beach Police Department you enable us to apprehend and prosecute the criminals that prey upon the hardworking, law-abiding citizens of Long Beach.

Please remember to never approach suspects or become involved. Be a good witness and immediately contact the Long Beach Police Department Communication Center at our 24-hour number (562) 435-6711. To ensure the fastest response time possible, please dial our 7-digit number from all cell phones. Dock phones will list your address as 450 Shoreline Drive or 250 Marina Drive. You must tell the dispatcher your actual street address, gangway and slip number. Knowing the street address of the nearest land building (for example Joe's Crab Shack, 6550 Marina Drive) is also significantly helpful. Make a note of these now so you will know them in case of an emergency.

## From The Manager



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*By Mark Sandoval, Manager of  
Marinas and Beaches*

With winter approaching, make sure you take the steps to secure your vessels, especially if you are away for long stretches of time. Marina and security staff are on the docks, and are on the lookout for problems, but we can't be counted on to catch all problems, so make sure you "batten down the hatches."

As you will be reading this, you have already seen (and hopefully paid) your marina bill for October. I attempted to communicate that the increases were coming many months in advance, particularly for our downtown customers that saw significant fee increases. I recognize that price increases are never popular, and also recognize that there will be grumblings and possibly anger, but I hope that you at least understand the rationale for these increases, which I have detailed in previous newsletters.

The reason I am discussing them now is because some of the "grumblings" I hear relate to some rumors on the docks that I feel I need to dispel. These rumors relate to the use of the revenue that is generated from the fee increases. I assure you that all revenue that is generated from slip fees is used for marina purposes. I will provide a more detailed explanation of the budget in the next month or two, but the fact is that all marina revenue stays in a separate fund called the Marina Fund. Right now, that fund has a deficit balance of a little over \$2 million, which was expected because we have yet to retire the debt for the original Downtown Marina, and have begun paying debt for the Shoreline Marina, Rainbow Marina and Basin 8. This will change in the next couple of years as the original debt is retired and our debt costs decrease by about \$3 million a year. However, we will then begin paying debt for the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, which is scheduled to begin next year.

I am sharing all this to let you know that all fee adjustments are needed for the present and future of the marinas. We evaluate the financing needs and make decisions based on current and long-term marina needs.

Some of the grumblings heard are "they are raising rates because they can" and "we don't have a choice because we have nowhere to go" and "they probably need funds to help other areas of the city". First, funds from the marina DO NOT go to help other areas of the city. In addition, we keep rates at a level of need, not a level of "let's do what we can." This is our philosophy, and I don't see us altering that philosophy. As always, I would welcome the opportunity to provide more detail to anyone that desires it (although I am pretty busy, I am not difficult to get a hold of).

On a separate topic, we know that there is an issue with the key fobs at Shoreline, and are addressing it. Unfortunately, the contractor that installed the system is nowhere to be found, and we are working with the tech services people in the City to solve the problem. Please be patient, and know that we are steadfastly working towards a (hopefully quick) solution.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

*Mark A. Sandoval*

## American Boating Course

The USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 53, will be offering a one day (8 hour) boating safety course entitled "American Boating Course" (ABC) on Saturday, November 17, 2007, starting at 8:30 AM, at Boater's World, 5912 E. Edinger Ave. (at Springdale), Huntington Beach, CA.

This 8-hour course will cover types of boats, required boat and personal equipment, safe boat handling, weather, tides, charts, anchors, navigation aids and rules, radio, launching and recovering, a review, quiz, and certificate of completion.

Full price is \$35, which includes textbook, tide tables, and Calif. Boating Regulations, and other miscellaneous handouts.

For further information and pre-registration, please call Paul Busher, (714) 840-0232.

# Petroleum and Natural Gas Pipelines in the Long Beach Harbor Area

Thums Long Beach Company (Thums) produces oil and natural gas on the four man-made islands within the Long Beach Harbor. The oil and gas produced on the islands are transported by subsea pipelines to an on-shore facility at Pier J. Since Thums' oil and gas pipelines may be located near where you live, work, or play, it is important for you to know where these pipelines are located in order to help prevent accidental damage to the lines and recognize an emergency situation.

Federal law requires all oil and gas pipeline companies to communicate about pipeline safety. Thums Pipeline Safety Brochures (in English and Spanish) are available in the Marina Offices. These brochures provide valuable information to protect yourself, your family and your employees. The information includes a pipeline route map, leak detection methods, and emergency contact numbers.

Be sure to stop by the office to pick up a copy, or you can contact Thums at (562) 624-3452 if you have any questions, need more information, or want to report a leak.

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## TIDE CHART FOR NOVEMBER 2007

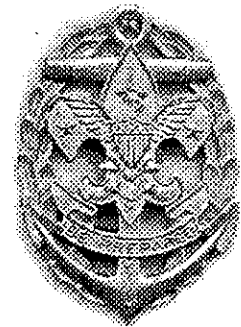
### LOW TIDE

### HIGH TIDE

	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Th	9:26	3.3	10:49	0.1	5:18	4.0	3:06	4.9
2. F	11:15	2.9	11:45	0.3	6:06	4.3	4:39	4.6
3. Sa	—	—	12:23	2.3	6:41	4.7	5:54	4.5
4. Su	12:29	0.5	12:12	1.6	6:09	5.0	5:53	4.5
5. M	12:04	0.7	12:52	1.1	6:33	5.3	6:42	4.4
6. Tu	12:33	1.0	1:27	0.6	6:55	5.5	7:25	4.3
7. W	12:56	1.3	1:59	0.3	7:16	5.7	8:05	4.2
8. Th	1:21	1.6	2:30	0.0	7:36	5.9	8:43	4.0
9. F	1:43	1.9	3:01	-0.1	7:57	6.0	9:21	3.8
10. Sa	2:04	2.2	3:34	-0.2	8:21	6.0	10:01	3.6
11. Su	2:26	2.4	4:11	-0.1	8:46	5.9	10:46	3.4
12. M	2:47	2.6	4:51	0.0	9:14	5.8	11:42	3.3
13. Tu	3:07	2.8	5:38	0.2	9:45	5.6	—	—
14. W	3:25	3.0	6:33	0.3	1:00	3.2	10:22	5.3
15. Th	—	—	7:33	0.4	11:08	5.0	—	—
16. F	—	—	8:34	0.5	—	—	12:16	4.6
17. Sa	8:42	3.3	9:28	0.6	4:23	3.9	1:52	4.3
18. Su	10:15	2.7	10:15	0.7	4:43	4.3	3:28	4.1
19. M	11:15	1.8	10:57	0.8	5:07	4.8	4:49	4.1
20. Tu	12:05	0.9	11:37	1.0	5:34	5.4	5:57	4.2
21. W	—	—	12:52	0.0	6:05	6.0	6:56	4.3
22. Th	12:16	1.3	1:38	-0.8	6:39	6.6	7:54	4.3
23. F	12:56	1.6	2:25	-1.4	7:16	7.0	8:49	4.2
24. Sa	1:36	1.8	3:13	-1.6	7:56	7.2	9:44	4.1
25. Su	2:18	2.1	4:03	-1.6	8:39	7.2	10:42	3.9
26. M	3:02	2.3	4:56	-1.4	9:24	7.0	11:44	3.8
27. Tu	3:52	2.6	5:51	-1.0	10:13	6.5	—	—
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